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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Dec-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/14/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/07/02
BRO-FRY	159,275	159,604
LT HENS	1,991	1,856
HVY HENS	1,388	1,526

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 07-Dec-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	300	0	300
LAST WEEK	235	7	242
SAME WK YR AGO	392	11	403
TO DATE 2002	14,672	297	14,969
TO DATE 2001	20,032	301	20,333

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,039	1,425	3,464
LAST WEEK	1,458	1,017	2,475
SAME WK YR AGO	2,293	1,695	3,988
TO DATE 2002	99,534	69,650	169,184
TO DATE 2001	107,123	68,139	175,262

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 07-Dec-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	151,980 (A)	1,739	1,425	3,164
AVG WT	5.13	3.62	7.87	5.53
LAST WEEK	115,454	1,223	1,010	2,233
SAME WEEK YR AGO	156,932	1,901	1,684	3,585
AVG WT	5.26	3.45	7.88	5.53
TO-DATE/2002	7,570,901	84,862	69,353	154,215
TO-DATE/2001	7,520,213	87,091	67,838	154,929

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.8 million head or 7.1 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING November 30, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	22,727	20,197	34,432
AVG WEIGHT	3.79	4.74	6.18
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	26%	45%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	24,263	25,229	37,723
AVG WEIGHT	3.75	4.73	6.19
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	29%	43%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	25,351	16,423	41,335
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.70	6.09
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	20%	50%
TO DATE/2002	1,229,295	1,080,063	1,976,526
TO DATE/2001	1,478,041	1,296,014	2,067,460

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 07-Dec-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,053	2,863	58	40	5,014
AVG WT	15.77	37.15	24.89	27.71	28.18
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	946	1,845	16	26	2,833
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,086	2,790	53	6	4,935
AVG WT	15.56	35.88	26.73	38.42	27.18
TO-DATE/2002	91,187	135,575	2,631	640	230,033
TO-DATE/2001	99,335	135,470	2,241	559	237,605

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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